South Central Railway Loco Carriage and Wagon Workshop Lallaguda

887. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Central Railways Loco Carriage and Wagon Workshop at Lallaguda, Hyderabad, is proposed to be expanded and modernised; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Early Warning Capability of Indian Air Force

888. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a wide technological gap in the early warning capability of the Indian Air Force as compared to that of the Pakistan and China Air Force; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to improve the early warning capability of the Indian Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Early Warning Capability of each country is planned and achieved, based on the threat posed to it. As far as the Indian Air Force (IAF) is concerned, our capability is being constantly updated to meet the assessed threat.

(b) Government is taking the necessary steps to improve the Early Warning capability of the Indian Air Force. A project has also been initiated for an indigenous development for our Airborne Early Warning System.

Review of Three-Language Formula

889. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convene a meeting of Education Ministers of States to review implementation of the three-language formula and to remove the distortions that have crept into it;

(b) whether Government are aware that practically in all States the mother language of the linguistic minorities is not being used as the medium of instruction at the primary level and is being downgraded at the secondary level; and

(c) if so, what steps the Central Government propose to take to protect the interests of linguistic minorities in each State?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir. However, a Conference of Education Secretaries and Education Ministers of the States and UTs held in New Delhi on May 23-24, 1984 resolved that the State Governments should take effective steps to implement the Three-Language Formula as laid down in the National Policy on Education, 1968. The Government have been reviewing the position from time to time.

(b) and (c) School Education is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and is mostly looked after by them. The State Governments and the State Boards of Secondary Education are responsible for prescribing curriculum, syllabi and textbooks for all subjects including the languages at school stage. The Central Government advises the States about the policy and provides guidelines. There is a well-defined policy of the Government about the medium of instruction to the children of linguistic minorities based on the constitutional safeguards as well as other safeguards agreed to at the national level for